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## "12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety" Campaign Tip for Day 6

Jackson – Having a clear path to safety in case of fire is the focus of the fire safety tip for Day 6 of the State Fire Marshal's "12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety" Campaign. Beginning Friday, December 12, and every day for the next 12 days, the State Fire Marshal's Office will highlight a Christmas Fire Safety tip. The tips will focus on various areas that hold the potential for starting holiday fires. Areas covered include decorating, tree trimming and maintenance, entertaining and cooking.

The tip for Day 6 is:

## Day 6 - Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

The State Fire Marshal's Office also recommends families have a fire escape plan and practice escape routes from their home in case a fire occurs.

The "12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety" Campaign is part of an ongoing State Fire Marshal's Office effort to educate Mississippians on the dangers of holiday fires.

A special "12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety" webpage has been developed for the Mississippi Insurance Department website <a href="www.mid.state.ms.us">www.mid.state.ms.us</a> and will be updated with each day's new tip. Additional Christmas fire safety tips will be available on the website as well.